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PERSONAL NOTE.

London.—Mr. John Biddulph Martin, President of the Royal Statistical Society, died at Las Palmas, Canary Islands, March 20, 1897. He was born in 1841, and was educated at Harrow, and Exeter College, Oxford, where he graduated with classical honors. After leaving the university he entered the famous banking firm in Lombard street which bears the name of Martin's Bank, and which claims to be two hundred years older than the Bank of England. Mr. Martin was actively interested in promoting philanthropic and scientific efforts. He was a member of the British Economic Association, the Institute of Bankers, and many other associations. For many years he was treasurer of the Royal Statistical Society, and at the time of his death its president. He was treasurer of the International Statistical Institute from its foundation. In addition to this book, "The Grasshopper in Lombard Street," an interesting account of the banking house with which he was connected, he published a number of papers in the *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society*, and the *Journal of the Institute of Bankers*. The latter include papers on "Our Gold Coinage," "Bank Notes," "Movements of Coin and its Equivalents," and others.